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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MOTOKAZU KOBAYASHI, ET AL. ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 10/665,422 ) : Group Art Unit: 2812  
Filed: September 22, 2003 ) :  
For: METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING )  
PIEZOELECTRIC FILM, )  
PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT )  
AND INK JET RECORDING )  
HEAD ) September 28, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, by one month, from September 25, 2004, to October 25, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 5.

The restriction requirement is, however, traversed.

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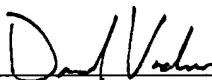
Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining the two groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be an undue burden in examining the claims of Groups I and II in a single application, since the two groups of claims are not so different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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